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at least two brackets coupled respectively to the at least two frame rails;

a beam attached to the at least two brackets;

a plate member attached to the beam; and

at least two frame rail extensions coupled to the at least two brackets,

wherein each bracket of the at least two brackets is disposed between a first end of a corresponding frame rail of the at least two frame rails and either one of a first end and a second end of the beam.

- 2. (Amended) The impact reduction vehicle bumper system according to claim 1, wherein the plate member is composed of steel and is welded to the beam.
- 3. (Amended) The impact reduction vehicle bumper system according to claim 1, wherein the beam and brackets are composed of steel and the beam is welded to the brackets.
- 4. (Amended) The impact reduction vehicle bumper system according to claim 1, wherein the frame rail extensions are composed of a steel and are welded to the brackets.
- 9. (Amended) The impact reduction vehicle bumper system according to claim
 1, wherein the at least two frame rail extensions include an upper extension, a lower extension and an inner extension.
- 11. (Amended) The impact reduction vehicle bumper system according to claim 1, wherein the plate member absorbs kinetic energy during a collision without causing a peak force greater than 7/5 kN.